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Dear Parents/Carers,

With the end of term fast approaching, it is a perfect time to reflect on what has been a fabulously successful term. I am writing this as a very excited group of Year 7's gather outside to head off to Cadbury World for a fantastic visit organised by Ms Wellspring. This last week is packed with celebration assemblies, reward trips and the Winter Concert so there is certainly no 'easing off' as term draws to an end.

This school holiday always feels like a time for both reflection and looking forward, as it encompasses the New Year period and yet we are only one third of the way through our 'school year'.

The New Year brings a new start of sorts for Lynch Hill Enterprise Academy as we join SEBMAT, a move which will support the future development and improvement of the school with the strengthening of governance, leadership, sharing of excellent practice and economies of scale that come with being part of a larger multi-academy trust.

In addition, January marks the start of the 'home run' for our Year 11 students. They return to a period of mock exams in all of their subjects and I am sure that you will join me in wishing them well for both these exams and their final months in school. They have been working very hard already this year and I know that they are determined to maintain this effort as they start to make their choices for life after Lynch Hill.

Finally, I would like to end by wishing you and your family a peaceful Christmas break and a healthy and fulfilling New Year ahead.

Chris Thomas

Head of School

Fundraising Activities

With thanks to everyone who contributed, the Bag2school collection raised £104.40.



From money that has been raised, 3 outdoor table tennis tables have been purchased by the PSA for students to use during recreational time at a cost of £1542.00.

Christmas jumper day was another opportunity to raise awareness and funds; this time for Daisy's Dream who are a charity that works with children and families who have been bereaved.



The school raised £226.93 for the Poppy Appeal last month- the Royal British Legion are very grateful for our support.



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Communication with the school

Those of you who have attended any of the meetings that we have held for parents this term will know that I am keen to improve our lines of communication with you. In order to do this, I have instigated several changes, which I hope you will find helpful.

- The school phone line now has a menu of options when you call. This should allow you to access the most appropriate person more quickly. Please follow the option, particularly if you are calling regarding an absence. The options that will be most relevant to parents are:
 1. To report your child absent
 2. To speak to reception

In addition, the receptionist will attempt to link you to the person that you need to speak with, often a subject teacher or Head of Year/Tutor. Should that person not be available, you will be able to leave a message on their answerphone. They will then call you back at the next possible opportunity.

- If you prefer email communication, the school website now contains links to the email addresses for all key staff in school. All links are found in the **Contact** section of the website. If you wish to discuss a subject-based issue, you can access the subject leaders there and if it is a pastoral issue, there is a separate page for the Heads of Year.
- Twitter! The school now has an active twitter page, which is where any important news/updates will be posted. This is also accessible on the home page of the website if you do not have a twitter account but I would encourage you to set one up (ask your son or daughter to help!) and this way you will automatically receive updates to your phone/tablet. Please follow us at @LynchHillEA and you can follow me at @LHEAHead.

Chris Thomas

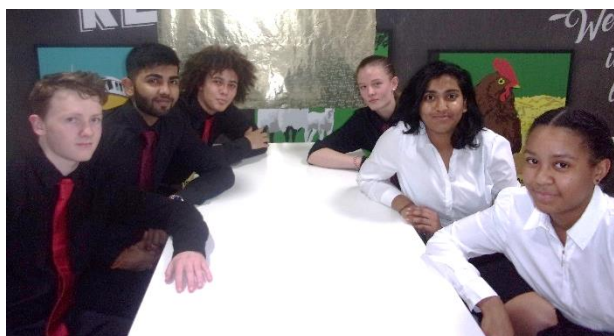
Head of School

High Tea for Staff

Our Year 11s put on a superb event, open to all staff at LHEA, to help fundraise their Prom at the end of the academic year. The evening included hot drinks with cakes, cheese board, pie, cakes, biscuits and loads of other yummys. The staff had a great time eating, drinking and socialising, whilst the Year 11s not only looked the part in their smart professional attire, but provided silver spoon service to all staff that any restaurant or café would be proud of.



This was a fantastic 'high tea' that will be hard to beat in the future. And from all the staff that attended, a massive thank you goes out to all the Year 11s who put on the event and worked so hard to make it a mighty success.



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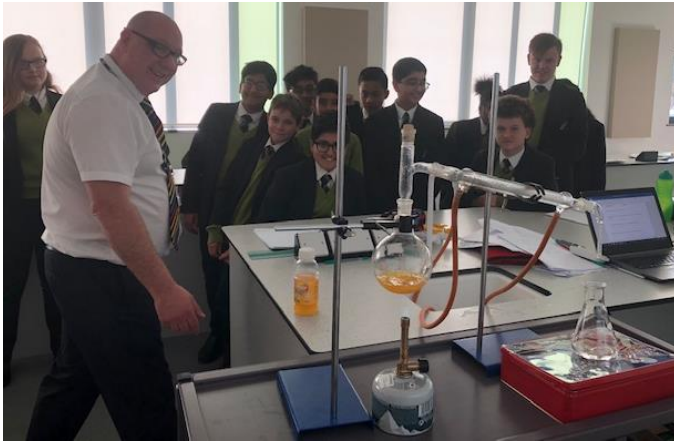
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Science Experiments

Year 8 have been studying Evaporation and Distillation in Science. 8e1 and Mr James have been conducting a Spectacular science experiment; with the separation technique of distillation by using Radnor orange juice.

Using their scientific skills and knowledge of evaporation, they have been able to separate all of the water and juice from the drink.

Lewis: Class 8e1 and science teacher Mr James!



1066 and all that!

Year 10 GCSE history students and Year 7 history students came together at the start of November to re-enact the famous Battle of Hastings. For a short time, the MUGA was transformed into Senlac Hill with a phalanx of Anglo-Saxon warriors standing defiantly together in a shield wall to repulse wave after wave of Norman cavalry charges.

The Year 7 students have just finished studying the Norman Conquest in history lessons and had made Saxon shields as part of a home learning project connected to their studies. Year 10 history students also study Anglo-Saxon and Norman Britain as part of their GCSE course and the chance to engage in fierce battle with their peers was also a chance to take a brief break from their essay writing and exam focused lessons. As for the winners? Well, we all know what happened to poor Kind Harold!



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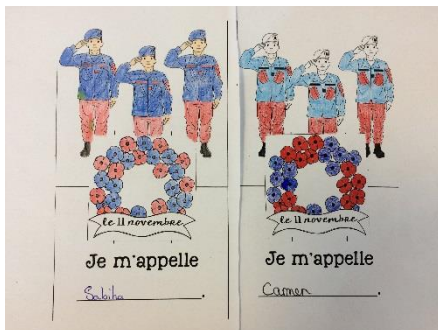
On Sunday 11th November, Lynch Hill Enterprise Academy was represented by both staff and students at the Slough Remembrance Parade in the centre of town.

Lerato, Zohra, Britney, Kyra, Alanna and Umar all showed the finest qualities that one would hope to witness from Lynch Hill students. With them were Mr McLeish, Mr Allger, Ms Tate-Harrat and Mrs Rashid.

Below are photographs taken of the day; including the wreath laid on behalf of the Lynch Hill school community...



LHEA Remembers.



On Friday 9th November 2018, the MFL department looked at how the Armistice is remembered in French speaking countries. The Year 7s, 8s and 9s looked at a Remembrance Song from Canada about the importance of the 2 minute silence and learned about the French Bleuets, which is worn instead of the red poppy. They learned vocabulary about the First World War and studied the different uniforms of the French, German and British soldiers. They also looked at how the president of France marks Remembrance Day by

laying a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Paris. The Year 7s also created remembrance cards to say thank you to those who have given their lives for their country. In addition to all this, the Year 11s read French poetry on the topic of Remembrance and had a go at creating les Bleuets out of crepe paper. All students were very respectful of the topic and learned a lot about how different countries remember the past.



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Le Cercle francais de LHEA would like to meet on **Thursday 31st January from 4.30pm to 6.30pm**. Interested parents and students should register to attend the evening by emailing myself at c.lepeltier@lhea.org.uk by 10th January 2019.

Evening topic discussion will be a recent holiday disaster (in French of course). Bring your stories along with you on the day but don't forget to register your interest first so the evening can go ahead. Merci!

Je vous souhaite de bonnes vacances de fin d'annee ainsi qu'une tres bonne et heureuse annee 2019!
Madame Lepeltier

LHEA goes Tri-Lingual!



This half term has been very exciting for the MFL department, as we have introduced our Year 7s to Spanish and German. Instead of having six periods a fortnight of French, the Year 7s are now having three of French and three of either Spanish or German. As our Year 7s grow, so will their language ability in two foreign languages. Being able to speak multiple foreign languages increases a person's confidence, enhances their communication skills, helps them multi-task, can help stave off Alzhiemers in old age and offer them increased career opportunities. The Year 7s have so far risen to the challenge and are working well to juggle learning both languages!



From the PE Department

Netball

The Year 7 Netball team have had a good start to the term. They have played 2 matches against Eden girls and Khalsa. They won 1 and lost 1. Player of the matches were Tanaya and Candice.

The Year 8 Netball team have also had a solid start to the term. They have played 3 matches against Eden Girls, Khalsa and Slough and Eton. They won 1, drew 1 and lost 1. Player of the matches were Kiran, Esther and Keisha.

Girls Football:

The Year 7 and 8 girls had their final powerleague tournament before Xmas. They played 6 matches against Ditton Park, Hershcel, St Joseph's, Westgate and Langley Grammar. They Drew 3 games and lost 3 games. Player of the matches was Candice. If it wasn't for her and her vital saves they would have lost more matches. A big thank you to all the girls for their continued hard work in training and during the tournaments. It has been a pleasure to take them.



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On Wednesday 28th November we took the Year 9 and 10 girls to a Powerleague football tournament at Slough and Eton. In the plate league they won 3 games, drew 2 and lost 2. This meant that they played Hershel in the 3rd / 4th place playoff. After a thrilling game we won 1-0. which meant the girls came 3rd overall. Player of the tournament was Tadiwa.



Boccia Tournament:

On Tuesday 27th November we hosted the SSSN Primary Boccia Event. There were 90 SEND students from 12 different schools in the Borough. Nine of our Year 10 GCSE students were young leaders for this event. The SSSN commented on the Year 10 leaders 'The leaders from Lynch Hill were excellent and really ensured the competition ran smoothly. They were confident and competent particularly as they had training only just before. We all said that we would definitely like to involve them in future events if possible as they were enthusiastic and encouraging towards everyone.' Among the young leaders were: Tadiwa, Dorothy, Lawrence and Jacob.



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Sportshall athletics:

On Thursday 29th November, Miss Jones and Mr Rowland took 16 Year 8s for the Sportshall Athletics Competition. The Year 8s were a credit to LHEA. They put 100% effort in, were incredibly supportive and encouraging to each other and performed really well. Stand out performances:

Morgan - 2nd in 4 lap race

Wendy - 2nd in 2 lap race

Keisha - 2nd in 2 lap race

Esther - 1st in the 6 lap individual

Kalonji - 2nd in 4 lap individual.

Girls team relay team (Isabella, Anabella, Chloe and Keisha) - 2nd.

Overall the girls' team came 5th

Overall boys' team came 6th



Year 7 Boys Football:

So far this Year, the Year 7 Boys football squad has played two league games and a cup game, against Langley Grammar and St Bernard's Grammar – losing each game, although as the season has progressed the boys have become much improved, as evidenced upon reaching a quarter-final of the Power League 5-a-side competition two weeks ago.

The boys have shown a great fighting spirit and with dedication and resilience, I am certain that it won't be long before they celebrate their first win.



Year 9 Boys football:

The Year 9 football team have had a solid start to the term and have a 100% win rate. They have played matches against Slough and Eton which they won 4-3 and Khalsa which they also won 3-2.

Well done to all students involved in PE clubs and teams this term. Here's to another successful term! Clubs will start again on Monday 14th January 2019.

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Safeguarding Updates

stay safe online

Remember the 5 SMART rules when using the internet and mobile phones.

- S SAFE:** Keep safe by being careful not to give out personal information – such as your full name, email address, phone number, home address, photos or school name – to people you are chatting with online.
- M MEET:** Meeting someone you have only been in touch with online can be dangerous. Only do so with your parents' or carers' permission and even then only when they can be present.
- A ACCEPTING:** Accepting emails, IM messages, or opening files, pictures or texts from people you don't know or trust can lead to problems – they may contain viruses or nasty messages!
- R RELIABLE:** Information you find on the internet may not be true, or someone online may be lying about who they are. Make sure you check information before you believe it.
- T TELL:** Tell your parent, carer or a trusted adult if someone or something makes you feel uncomfortable or worried, or if you or someone you know is being bullied online.

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10 APPS TEENS ARE USING THAT PARENTS NEED TO KNOW



Calculator%

This app looks like a calculator but functions like a secret photo vault.



Omegle

A free online chat website that promotes chatting anonymously to strangers.



Yellow

This app is designed to allow teens to flirt with each other in a Tinder-like atmosphere.



Whisper

An anonymous app where the creators promote sharing secrets and meeting new people.



Ask.fm

Ask an anonymous question and get an answer. This app has been linked to the most severe forms of cyberbullying.



Hot or Not

Strangers rate your profile. Goal is to lead to a hook up.



Burn Book

Post anonymous rumors about people through audio messages, texts, and photos.



Wishbone

An app that allows users to compare kids against each other and rate them on a scale.



Kik

Messaging app. Kik has built in apps and web content that would be filtered on home computer.



Instagram

Many kids are now creating fake accounts to hide content from parents. Kids also like to text using Instagram because messages are deleted once a user leaves conversation.

FOR MORE INFO: APPSOLUTELYAPRIL.COM

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Winter Concert on Thursday 13th at 18.00

On Thursday 13th December, LHEA held its first 'Winter Concert'. The event was hosted by Piravina and Lawrence, two GCSE students. There were 23 acts presented by just over 40 participants who did extremely well. The school choir, dancers, drummers, instrumentalists and Solo singers, presented a variety of performances which had been carefully selected and rehearsed for the occasion. Saira (Year 7) opened the evening with a dance routine, followed by the choir and various soloists, duets and dancers. During the interval there was a cake sale organised by Year 11 students. Prizes were given away during the raffle to excited winners.

The second half was as good as the first half as an excited audience welcomed a group of drummers, more soloists and then Bailey Holmes (Year 7) became the embodiment of Michael Jackson! The dance moves were so believable it was as though Jackson himself was on the stage!

Guitars groups, solos and a grand finale of all the participants singing: 'We wish you a Merry Christmas' drew the evening to an end. It was magical, emotional and each child who took part was very proud of their efforts. It was a memorable evening and a wonderful close to 2018.



*With thanks for all your support this year,
the staff of LHEA wish you all a peaceful Christmas Break and
happy and prosperous New Year 2019.*

